

In the claims:

1. (currently amended) A web site design tool comprising:

a plurality of design modules, comprising program code for controlling display of a plurality of elements on a plurality of pages of a web site;

an interface enabling selection, by a user, of different ones of the design modules of the plurality to be included in [[a]] the web site, the selected design modules forming a package of design modules and including a navigation tree for indicating how the plurality of pages of the web site are to be interconnected; and means for forwarding the package of design modules to a client web site server.

2. (original) The web site design tool of claim 1, wherein the plurality of design modules includes visual modules and functional modules.

3. (original) The web site design tool of claim 1 wherein the interface is a graphical user interface.

4. (original) The web site design tool of claim 1, wherein the design modules include a navigation tree for indicating a relation of web pages in the web site.

5. (original) The web site design tool of claim 1, wherein the design modules include administration modules for administering the web-site.

6. (cancelled).

7. (cancelled)

8. (cancelled)

9. (original) A method of building a web site at a client web site server including the steps of: receiving, from a host web server, a plurality of design modules; building a directory structure for the plurality of design modules; building web pages for the web site in response to the directory structure, the step of building including linking content to the web pages.

10. (original) A computer comprising: a memory storing a plurality of web pages associated with a web site, the computer comprising a directory structure, identifying locations of modules that are used to provide functional and visual attributes for the web pages, content for display on the web site; and means for linking the content to the web pages.

11. (currently amended) A method for updating a module comprising program code at a client including the steps of: receiving, at the client, a module having an identifier; determining whether the module is an existing module at the client; responsive to a determination that the module is an existing module at the client, comparing a version number of the existing module to a version number of the received module; responsive to the version number of the received module exceeding the version number of the existing module, storing the received module in memory and updating a pointer in a data structure that points to the existing module to point to the received module.

12. (original) In a modular web design system wherein web sites are comprised of a plurality of linked modules, a method for updating one of the modules including the steps of: forwarding an updated version of one of the modules to a client using the one of the modules; storing, at the client, the updated version of the one of the modules; replacing, in a directory structure at the client, a first pointer to an existing version of the one of the modules with a second point to the updated version of the one of the modules.